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4)🖂	4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-12</u> is/are pending in the application.						
	4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.						
	5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.						
	Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.						
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12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).							
a) All b) Some * c) None of:							
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moore, et al. (US 4,324,173) in view of Burke (US 6,365,046). The patent to Moore, et al. discloses the claimed subject matter except for the an inline filter disposed within the take-up pipe before the oil is returned to the tank. The patent to Burke teaches that it is known in the art to have an inline filter (46) for filtering purposes. Thus, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have provided the take-up pipe of Moore, et al. with an inline filter in the manner suggested by Burke in order to further filter the filtered oil from the filter pan before it is returned to the tank, if desired. The features variously recited in the dependent claims are considered obvious features and well within the ordinary skill in the art over the teachings of the references as modified herein the absence of any new or unexpected results.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Timothy F. Simone whose telephone number is 571-272-1407. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays between 8:00am-5:00pm. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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